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"We Have With Us, Today."

Back, feeling "bully." Had a "cocking" time. Was cordially received and handsomely entertained on his travels. Under obligations to all his hosts. Was told of and became interested in a bird new to him. Called by the natives "diablotan." Which means "little devil." He is so called himself by his political adversaries. Birds of a feather take an interest in each other. Would not talk politics at the moment. Will meet George W. Perkins and several other friends today. Will, of course, talk politics with them. May have something on the subject for the public later.

There was no attempt yesterday to repeat the demonstration which took place in New York when Mr. Roosevelt landed from his African trip six years ago. Something of the kind had been on the card, but Mr. Roosevelt had vetoed the suggestion. He was wiser than his friends. A second outpouring to rival the first in size and enthusiasm would have been impossible; and, as a shrewd politician with big plans on hand, Mr. Roosevelt wanted no comparison of the kind drawn.

But there was one likeness to the former home-coming. On his return from Africa Mr. Roosevelt was accompanied by Gifford Pinchot, who had met him in Italy and explained all political developments since his departure. In this way Mr. Roosevelt landed with much information necessary to his plans for getting into the game again. And he was soon back in the game, with Mr. Pinchot one of his principal supporters.

His traveling companion from the West Indies was Henry L. Stoddard, a New York editor, who had met him at Trinidad. As George W. Perkins is described as the financier of the bull moose party, Mr. Stoddard may be described as its leading press representative. He has had large experience in politics. He knows New York, through and through. He is devoted to Mr. Roosevelt. As Mr. Perkins figures in gossip as the next Secretary of the Treasury in the event of Mr. Roosevelt's return to the presidency, Mr. Stoddard, in the same contingency, figures as the next collector of the port of New York.

"Sailing the ocean blue" together, there fore, Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Stoddard "talked it all over." Mr. Stoddard, a close observer and well informed man, was able to give Mr. Roosevelt a great deal of important information—to put him fully abreast of the home times. And, so equipped, Mr. Roosevelt will be able to start right in with all necessary knowledge of the situation.

Beginning today, the Roosevelt movement will move. There will be something doing every minute. The leader needs no rest, and his lieutenants will not be allowed to take any. Oyster Bay is back on the map, and its foremost citizen again in campaign togs. And this to all whom it may concern.

Jess Willard is compelled to follow the rule of pugilism which keeps putting a man into the ring until he meets defeat. Prize fighting is one line of business that absolutely demands competition.

Mexican troops desert so easily that Villa may be warranted, from a military point of view, in keeping his in hiding as much as possible.

So far as the next presidency is concerned, T. R. knows the handwriting is on the wall because he did most of the penmanship himself.

A Mexican trooper claims the right to change his mind.

Mr. Taggart's Critics.

Some of the President's warmest friends and most active supporters are displeased with the appointment of Thomas Taggart to the Senate, and are expressing themselves openly and with emphasis. They should moderate their feelings and their language. Presently, they will have to stand shoulder to shoulder with him in the campaign for Mr. Wilson's re-election.

Of course, Mr. Taggart is a loss. He has never shied at the word. A capable and industrious politician, he has come to leadership in a state where the game is played ardently and well. Without an organization, he could have done nothing. With one, he has done a good deal. A number of winnings stand to his credit, some achieved for his own benefit, and some for the benefit of others. It has not been a reproach in democratic circles in Indiana to be known as "Taggart's man."

The most outspoken of these critics are New Yorkers. And yet in 1904 Mr. Taggart conducted Judge Parker's campaign, and spent his time in the metropolis. All New Yorkers who at that time professed and called themselves democrats fraternized with him, and hailed him as a brother. He failed to put the candidate "over," but who could have done so, New York that year was

choosing between two of her sons, and chose the one Mr. Taggart was not supporting.

And there is another point these and other anti-Taggart democrats should consider. As a senator and a loyal follower of the President, Mr. Taggart will soon be a caller at the White House and persona grata there. He is a Wilson man, and feels instructed by his appointment to vote for the Wilson policies. After the President has assured Mr. Taggart of his friendly consideration, as he will promptly do, will it be advisable or in good form for any democrat wishing for success this year to withhold his hand?

As have other bosses, Mr. Taggart has found it necessary to be a little philosophical in his political career. He takes a beating with very good grace. Obligations do not seriously affect him. He has mastered the art of forgiving and forgetting. So that those democrats who are now expressing themselves in strong terms against him will probably find no difficulty in coming to an understanding with him if at a later date they should, on a nudge from headquarters, seek him out in a spirit of comradeship for the good of the order.

"Leave to Print" Abuses.

The "leave to print" privilege has always been a source of trouble in Congress, especially on the eve of a political campaign. As for words actually spoken in debate, the House and Senate have their rules for immediate application which prevent serious breaches of decorum and keep the Congressional Record free from improper matters. But when a member of either house obtains permission to "extend" his remarks in the Record a way is opened for possible improprieties against which there is no safeguard.

The latest case in point is that of a Texas member, who, having uttered no words in debate, at some time obtained the pro forma leave to print and proceeded to insert in the Record a so-called speech under the heading "Americanism and Patriotism," that has been characterized as the most offensive matter ever published in an official paper. It is to the high credit of the House that promptly upon publication a question was raised against it, and a committee was named to consider its expungement. But so far as the initial issue of the Record goes the damage has been done and thousands of copies have been sent forth under frank into the country.

There is no check upon this sort of publication save the sense of propriety of the individual member of Congress. The leave to print carries with it an implied injunction against printing anything that would fall under the rules of prohibition if spoken on the floor. At the government printing office there is no one with authority to interpose an objection or to call to attention "leave to print" matter that possibly violates those rules. In fact, the Congressional Record is the only daily paper in this country without an editor.

This expense, which has shocked the House and offended all readers of the Record, suggests the need of some assured safeguard against breaches of propriety in enjoyment of the "leave to print." It is surely possible to authorize some one to examine all these "extended remarks" with a view to determine whether they would be permitted if spoken on the floor. Occasional rebukes and expostulations serve to warn all members then sitting against similar offenses, but these rare instances do not act as an assured check for all time. Inasmuch as the Congressional Record is immune from action in law for libel it should be as scrupulously edited as a newspaper.

Predictions concerning trade conditions have not yet been made so depressing as to render the thought of peace unwelcome.

It might be sympathetically urged that the government has enough on its mind without being required to take charge of a vast armor plate industry.

Regardless of strife abroad and anxieties at home, the American hen continues to do her duty.

By some oversight the Chesapeake oyster navy was not figured into estimates of the nation's strength at sea.

Since March has masqueraded as a winter month there are fears that April will disguise itself as March.

Even war becomes familiar and the public now refuses to be agitated by irresponsible rumor.

A Hard Coal Arrangement.

A most sensible arrangement has been effected between the anthracite workers and operators who now are in conference in New York seeking to adjust differences as to wages and hours of labor. The contract, running for three years, under which the hard coal mines are operated, expires by limitation on the 31st of March, next Friday. Under the former system the negotiations would have to be concluded before midnight on that day and a new agreement written, else a strike would be called and great trouble would ensue, however brief the strike. Inasmuch as there are no insuperable differences between the operators and the miners it is fairly well assured that a working agreement will be reached, perhaps not by Friday next, for these negotiations are always slow, but maybe within a fortnight, or a month. Meanwhile there is no reason whatever why the work should not proceed, under the old agreement. The miners will get their pay, the operators will get their coal and the public will be assured of a continuous supply and no disturbance of the price. If eventually it is impossible to agree definitely and a

strike follows, it will have been for no lack of time to effect an arrangement. If later an agreement is effected it will date as from April 1, so that if an increase of wages is granted the men will have lost nothing by the postponement.

This plan should be adopted in all trades and occupations where the workers are under time agreements or contracts for the maintenance of scales and schedules for definite periods. A strike is to be regarded as the last resort in any line of work. It should be held in reserve for the supreme emergency, not as a threat necessarily, but as a result of failure to agree. In the long run better conditions prevail in trades that are not periodically subjected to disruptions by suspensions of work as a measure of coercion. The hard-coal trade has prospered in consequence of the comparatively unbroken peace of over a decade, and this new arrangement for an extension of the contract period is a gratifying sign that the advantages of peace are appreciated by both sides.

Mexican Defections.

Denials of Herrera's revolt against Carranza and his espousal of Villa's cause have been so specifically and promptly made that there is no reason at present to question them, although other reports have come to confuse the situation and make for doubts in some minds along the border. That Villa hoped at the outset of his enterprise at Columbus to arouse the malcontents of northern Mexico in a general revolution against Carranza and the United States is not to be doubted. The line of loyalty in that part of Mexico—in practically every part, in truth—is a slender one. Men change sides easily. Sometimes they change back and forth several times in the course of a revolt. It was a fixed principle of Porfirio Diaz that the revolutionist, captured and sufficiently frightened, made the best soldier for the republic. His ruses of the northwest were mostly former outlaws. And Diaz knew that practically every man of them would go back if he thought there was a chance to go in safety.

It is fairly assured that Villa will get some recruits from the disaffected Carranzistas. He may get substantial assistance from some who continue to profess loyalty to Carranza. Many of the soldiers of the de facto government are his former adherents, whose desertion he would promptly forgive if they joined him or secretly aided him now. He is, in truth, a decidedly hard proposition to deal with in this situation, and both Carranza and the United States will have difficulty catching him.

But Villa must be caught or there is no peace for Mexico and no security for the American people living on or near the Mexican border. No matter how many Carranzista troops prove disloyal and no matter how many men are necessary from this side to get results, the campaign must be carried through.

Von Tirpitz has demonstrated that a policy of frightfulness gets on the nerves of those who direct it as well as on the nerves of the enemy.

Making an army and a navy while you wait is not easy, but history shows that it has been done.

Yuan is perfectly willing to bow to the will of the majority if he can only find out what it is.

Shortage in material is more conspicuous in current fashion than shortage in dyestuffs.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

A Modest Conclusion.

"Will you make many speeches in your own behalf?"

"No," replied the candidate; "a man in my position should be more talked about than talking."

It Seems So.

The ballet costumes bring us joy, With artistry intense.

The less material they employ, The greater the expense.

Barefoot.

"Think of the poor people who have to go barefoot!" exclaimed the sympathetic girl.

"You can't always tell about the poverty of people who go barefoot," replied her unimaginative father. "Some of them may be ballet dancers."

The Real Flattery.

"Do you think it's a good idea to tell a man funny stories when you're trying to jolly him?"

"No," replied the veteran salesman. "Let him tell 'em to you."

Heartlessness.

"A broker friend of mine tried to interest me in some war babies, but I wouldn't listen."

"Why, Charley, dear!" exclaimed young Mrs. Torkins. "And you so fond of children?"

Self-Deception.

I thought I heard a robin sing—it was a gentle note, Which seems to tell of sunny skies and fleecy clouds afloat.

Of waking willows that beside the water made a fringe— And all along the sound was that of an old creaking hinge!

I thought I heard a creaking hinge—it filled me with despair, And made me talk of shattered nerves and a physician's care.

Oh, how imagination molds our fancies With that new patented bait of his, Warranted to be irresistible to fish.

Invention of the Age.

From the Boston Globe. We shall watch with interest to see what luck Mr. Edison has in Florida with that new patented bait of his, warranted to be irresistible to fish.

Woodward & Lothrop

The Fashionable Spring Attire FOR MISSES AND YOUNG WOMEN As Defined By Our Charming Exhibits.

ARMENTS that are the expression of youthful piquancy and attractiveness, that combine all the many details and the springtime freshness which are the distinguishing marks of good taste. If misses and young women have not visited these displays as yet they have missed seeing one of the best collections of youthful fashions ever assembled in this store, as well as one of the largest and most moderately priced.

The selections have been made with the most discriminating care, and every new detail is clearly set forth. NEW TAILORED AND BELTED SUITS, in gabardine, serge, poplin and fancy shepherd and velour checks.

The Suit illustrated is one of the very late models in misses suits; price, \$25.00. It is shown in checks, or plain navy serge, with leather collar and cuffs.

NEW COATS in plain white chinchilla, fancy barred chinchilla, beautifully colored corduroys, checks, mixtures, novelties and plain colors in the finest fabrics.

AFTERNOON DRESSES of silk, georgette crepe and georgette crepe and silk combinations.

EVENING AND PARTY DRESSES of exquisite taffetas, tulles and nets, many showing the exquisite outline gilt embroidery; also Sheer White Nets and Laces; all with the bouffant and draped skirts.

STREET DRESSES of serge and silk and serge combinations. FINE LINEN DRESSES in many colors, including the exclusive Linen "Mar-Hof" Middy Dresses, and also the Serge.

SEPARATE SKIRTS in the sport checks and plaids; light colors.

Third floor, 6 street.

Exquisite Silk Undergarments For Women.

THE dainty beauty of silken undergarments never fails to appeal to women; the luxurious comfort is a great pleasure and the pretty styles and shades a delight. Our assortments are complete, with the best Italian and Venetian Silk Garments, in white, pink and black.

Italian and Venetian Silk Vests, low neck and sleeveless. Plain, \$1.35 to \$3.00 each. Embroidered, \$2.00 to \$5.00 each.

Italian and Venetian Silk Combinations, \$3.00 to \$5.00 each.

Venetian Silk Envelope Chemises, \$3.50 and \$4.00 each.

Italian and Venetian Silk Bloomers, \$2.00 to \$3.25 pair.

Italian and Venetian Silk Sapho Vests, with ribbon straps, \$2.00 and \$2.75 each.

Swiss Ribbed Silk Vests, low neck and sleeveless; white only, \$1.00 to \$2.25 each.

Swiss Ribbed Combinations, in white only, \$4.00 to \$5.50 each.

Main floor, 6 street.

MODART CORSETS Are the Front-lace Corsets of Style and Comfort.

IT DOES not pay to be prejudiced about a garment or about anything; it is always best to be open to conviction.

Some women, because the Front-lace Corset is a comparatively new way of making corsets, are convinced without ever having seen, examined or tried a pair on that they are not sensible, comfortable or useful—in fact, that they are totally wrong.

Modart Corsets lace in front and nearly every woman can be satisfied in them, if we are permitted to fit the proper model to the figure.

Modart Corsets are designed by a famous designer who has made a study of the feminine figure, not merely from a style standpoint, but from a scientific point of view. The result is that there are Modart Corsets to fit you better and impart greater comfort, ease and style probably than any corset you ever wore before.

Modart Corsets will improve your figure, give you absolute comfort and promote your health, imparting a grace of line and finer figure poise.

Every day more women are finding out the special advantages of Modart Front-laced Corsets—the materials, construction, line and fit are beautiful.

A Modart Corset at \$10.50—A splendid corset of heavy broche, in white and dainty pink; heavily boned for the tall full figure, rather high in bust and long over the hips.

A Modart Corset at \$10.00—A beautiful and graceful model of pink silk batiste, low bust and long skirt, for the medium figure.

At \$6.00—A Modart Corset that is very light in weight, made of pink embroidered batiste, medium bust and fairly long skirt.

Modart Corsets are priced from \$3.50 to \$12.50 pair.

Third floor, Eleventh street.

Francis Asbury, the Methodist.

On March 31 will be celebrated all over the Christian world the 100th anniversary of the death of FRANCIS ASBURY,

the first bishop and pioneer of the great Methodist Church of America.

The Francis Asbury Centenary Volume, by G. K. Carroll.....25c

Francis Asbury: a biographical study, by H. M. DuBose.....50c

Francis Asbury, by George P. Mains.....25c

Francis Asbury, the Prophet of the Long Road, by Ezra S. Tipple: cloth edition; illustrated; 333 pages.....\$1.50

Second floor, F street.

Woodward & Lothrop

Fine French and Silk Lingerie For Bridal Trousseaux.

AS the months of spring weddings approach more and more prospective brides will be seeking Fine Lingerie for the most important occasion—the most enthralling event of a lifetime.

The supplying of Bridal Trousseaux is a specialty with our Lingerie room, and this store has been devoting much care and consideration to the service for years.

We know thoroughly the requirements of good taste and prevailing fashion and our selections in garments indicate it to such an extent that the ultra-modish and most refined will be entirely satisfied with our provisions.

Prospective brides are extended a cordial invitation to inspect our displays of personally selected and directly imported French Handmade Lingerie, showing the sheer fabrics and exquisite hand embroideries and lace and ribbon trimmings reaching their highest standard of beauty. Included are Combinations, Gowns, Corset Covers, Drawers, Envelope and Shirt Chemises. Each garment may be seen in a number of different styles and trimmings.

Philippine Hand-embroidered Nightgowns are also interesting, this being the first season in which we have shown them. The materials are sheer batistes and nainsooks, daintily embroidered by skilled native needleworkers.

Crepe de Chine Silk Lingerie in any number of simple styles and the more elaborate embroidered and lace-trimmed effects, in flesh, white and pink shades. These are lovely undergarments and are unsurpassed in comfort.

Third floor, F street.

The Little Gray Baby Shop Has a Host of Spring Fashions for Baby and for Little Folks Until They Reach the Age of 5 Years.

THIS Little Shop situated on the third floor, with its gray fixtures, soft gray carpets and dainty little gray chairs for the small folks to be at home in and the substantial chairs for mothers and those interested in garments and accessories to be found here. The gray tone and the whole atmosphere of the shop is one of refinement; it is one of those inviting and pleasant looking places that you occasionally find, and that always seem to bid you welcome.

The New Spring Fashions in Infants' Hats, Banners, Coats, Hand and Machine Made Dresses are displayed in very delightful materials and styles, together with the many other accessories, such as Slips, Skirts, Stockings, Booties, Mittens, Diapers, Toilet Accessories, etc.

Spring, showing of Little Children's Hats and Coats, sizes up to 6 years, in a charming collection of the best outerwear modes for little folks, including Dainty Coats of silk and woolen fabrics for the little maid, and those equally attractive for the little man.

Special attention is invited to the collection of Wicker Furnishings now displayed, comprising Baskets, Scales, etc., with and without dainty trimmings of nets, laces and silks. The Untrimmed will be trimmed to order, if desired.

We invite particular attention to the New Handmade Long Dresses for Infants, and emphasize the excellence of the values.

For instance, the \$1.00 Handmade Long Dress is unusual, it being very seldom that a handmade garment to sell at this price is seen; it is of lawn, finely tucked and trimmed with French knots and lace edge; a handmade nainsook slip is gathered at neck and trimmed with fine lace edge; Handmade Nainsook Dresses, with yoke of fine tucks, featherstitching and embroidery sprays, \$2.50, and Fine Pointed Yoke Nainsook Dresses, trimmed with hand-embroidery sprays and featherstitching, and neck and sleeves edged with lace, \$2.75. At \$3.50 is a Nainsook Dress, beautifully hand made and showing this fact by its daintiness; yoke and sleeves trimmed with fine shirring, featherstitching and lace edge.

Third floor, F street.

This Is the Time of Year When Baby Should Be Out of Doors Daily

BUT you must have the right kind of carriage or other vehicle. And thoughtful mothers know that we have them. And mothers who are particular about the kind of carriage, go-cart, sulky or other vehicle will be very careful in their selection; most of them will see our showing before deciding.

Our Baby Vehicles have always been noted for their comfort, their fine appearance, the new features of sanitation and those which contribute to the ease of the baby and his handling by the mother or nurse.

Reed Carriages are now used almost exclusively; handsome, bright and airy, in plain or fancy designs, some of the newest novelties being trimmed with dainty blue or pink enamel. They are all fitted with hood and best upholstered cushions, most of them removable. The turntable gear is a great convenience, and you have your choice of artillery wheels or the steel wheels, both of which are rubber-tired.

A complete stock of modern and up-to-date vehicles for babies and children—Pullman Carriages, English Coaches, Go-Carts, Chaise Carriages, Sulkies, Strollers, in natural, gray, tan, and brown colors.

A Most Exceptional Value in a Pullman Carriage at \$25

Fourth floor, Eleventh and F streets, adjoining Toy Department.

Lecture and Motion Pictures: THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER FLOODS AND LEVEES.

By MR. JOHN A. FOX IN THE WOODWARD & LOTHROP AUDITORIUM Tuesday, March 28, 1916, at 2 O'Clock.

Mr. Fox is the engineer on this work, and these pictures show the flood committee of Congress on its way down the river; the big crevasse at Buck Ridge and other interesting construction work that has been going on there directly under Mr. Fox's charge.

Mr. Fox was formerly general director of the national rivers and harbors congress, and is, perhaps, more familiar with the Mississippi and its needs than any one else, and is in Washington presenting these facts to Congress.

There will be no admission charge. All are invited.

Main floor, F street.